

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims presented in the application.

1. (currently amended): An interlabial pad for absorbing body fluid having a
an being formed into a substantially elongated shape having a
longitudinal direction and a lateral direction and being provided with a
size, weight and flexibility adapted for use between the labia,
comprising:
- a surface sheet disposed on a face of the interlabial pad so as to face a
wearer's body;
- a back sheet disposed on an opposite face of the interlabial pad so as
to face a wearer's garment;
- an absorbent body enveloped between the surface sheet and the back
sheet;
- a mini-sheet extending from one lateral side to another lateral side of
the interlabial pad and also having a length in a longitudinal direction of
the back sheet;
- a cavity for finger insertion formed in between the back sheet and the
mini-sheet; and
- a cavity opening for guiding a fingertip inserted therein to the
remainder of the cavity, having a fingerbreadth of a wearer,
wherein said interlabial pad is provided with a body side face
orientated to a body side and an opposite side face to the body side
orientated to a garment side;
- wherein said interlabial pad comprises a mini sheet piece striding
from one portion to another portion at each side edge of both side edges
taking the longitudinal direction of the interlabial pad as a central axis,
and a finger insertion opening formed between the mini sheet piece and

~~said opposite side face to the body side, for directly securing the opening of the fingerbreadth of a wearer;~~

wherein ~~said the mini-sheet piece is disposed in a way to provided so that it covers a at least a portion (finger application point) of said opposite side face to the body side corresponding to an area (application point) of said surface side sheet applied to a predetermined position between the labia of the wearer that is in contact with a wearer's vagina;~~
and

wherein ~~the mini-sheet is bonded at a peripheral edge to one end of the back sheet of the interlabial pad so as to form a pocket shaped finger insertion space said finger insertion opening serves for guiding a fingertip of the wearer to the application point.~~

2. (canceled).
3. (canceled).
4. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein at least a part of ~~said the mini-sheet piece~~ is stretchable or elastically extensible at least in respect to ~~said a~~ lateral direction of ~~said the~~ interlabial pad.
5. (currently amended): An The interlabial pad of claim 1, for absorbing body fluid having an elongated shape, comprising:
 - a surface sheet disposed on a face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's body;
 - a back sheet disposed on an opposite face of the interlabial pad so as to face a wearer's garment;
 - an absorbent body enveloped between the surface sheet and the back sheet;
 - a mini-sheet extending from one lateral side to another lateral side of the interlabial pad and also having a length in a longitudinal direction of

the back sheet;

a cavity for finger insertion formed in between the back sheet and the mini-sheet; and

a cavity opening for guiding a fingertip inserted therein to the remainder of the cavity, having a fingerbreadth of a wearer,

wherein the mini-sheet is provided so that it covers a finger application point that is in contact with a wearer's vagina; and

wherein said the mini-sheet piece is formed of a pair of flap portions extending from lateral sides of the interlabial pad, across the back sheet, the mini-sheet having an affixing portion at an end of each flap portion in order to affix the end of each flap portion has a bonding portion in a portion striding across said opposite side face to the body side.

6. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, ~~said interlabial pad~~
~~comprising:~~

~~a surface-side sheet disposed on said body side face of the interlabial~~
~~pad; and~~

~~— a back side sheet disposed on said opposite side face to the body~~
~~side,~~

wherein the surface ~~side~~ sheet and the back ~~side~~ sheet are bonded to contain said absorbent body; and

wherein said the mini-sheet piece and said the interlabial pad are bonded at positions offset from and inside of the peripheral edge of the interlabial pad ~~a piece-bonding portion of each side of said both sides of said interlabial pad, the piece-bonding portion being other than a sheet-bonding portion at which said surface side sheet and said back side sheet are bonded.~~

7. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the mini-sheet ~~piece~~ has a length dimension at least 10 % longer than that of

~~said~~ the interlabial pad in ~~said~~ the longitudinal direction of ~~said~~ the interlabial pad.

8. (canceled).
9. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein a total circumferential length of ~~an inside of said finger insertion~~ the cavity opening is between 30 mm to 120 mm.
10. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein ~~said opposite side face to the body side of said interlabial pad~~ the back sheet of the interlabial pad is provided with microscopic protrusions and depressions ~~extremely fine concave and convex~~.
11. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein the interlabial pad is adhered so that part of the surface sheet is in contact with a genital area of the wearer's body ~~an adhesive is applied to a portion of a skin contact surface defined as a portion in contact with a skin of the wearer when said interlabial pad is worn, the skin contact surface being defined on said opposite side face to the body side of said interlabial pad~~.
12. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, comprising an upheaval area on the surface sheet ~~said body side face~~, the upheaval area protruding toward the wearer's body ~~along the longitudinal direction of the surface sheet~~ ~~side at a central portion of the lateral direction of the body side face~~.
13. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein ~~said opposite side face to the body side of said interlabial pad~~ the back sheet is made of moisture permeable material.

14. (currently amended): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein ~~said~~ the pad ~~being~~ is composed of biodegradable material and/or water-soluble material and/or water dispersible material.
15. (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for incontinence.
16. (previously presented): The interlabial pad of claim 1, wherein said interlabial pad is an interlabial pad for absorbing vaginal discharge.
17. (currently amended): An interlabial pad manufacturing method for manufacturing the interlabial pad of claim 5, comprising:[:;]
 setting longer a pair of wings ordinarily disposed at both side portions of a sanitary napkin; and
 bonding said wings to form said mini-sheet piece.